

REMARKS

Claims 41-60 are pending in this application. Applicant has amended Claims 41, 42, 43, 44, 53, and 56. Claims 51, 54, 55, 57, and 60 were previously withdrawn from consideration. Applicant has amended independent Claim 41 so as to more clearly distinguish the present invention, as defined by independent Claim 41, over the prior art. Applicant respectfully submits that the amendments to each of Claims 41, 42, 43, 44, 53, and 56 do not contain new matter. Applicant respectfully submits that the present invention, as defined by Claims 41-50, 52, 53, 56, 58, and 59, is patentable over the prior art.

Applicant has also deleted the Abstract Of The Disclosure and has substituted therefor the new Abstract Of The Disclosure which is attached hereto on a separate sheet. Applicant respectfully submits that the new Abstract Of The Disclosure does not contain new matter.

Based on the foregoing amendments and the following Remarks, the application is deemed to be in condition for allowance and action to that end is respectfully requested.

I. THE U.S.C. §103(a) REJECTIONS:

The Examiner asserts that Claims 41-50, 52, 53, 56, 58, and 59 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Gebb, U.S. Patent No. 6,067,532 (Gebb) in view of Fulcher, et al., U.S. Patent No. 6,505,774 (Fulcher). As noted above, Applicant has amended Claims 41, 42, 43, 44, 53, and 56. In particular, Applicant has amended independent Claim 41 in order to more clearly distinguish the present invention, as defined by independent Claim 41, over the prior art. Applicant respectfully submits that the amendments to each of Claims 41, 42, 43, 44, 53, and 56 do not contain new matter.

Applicant respectfully submits that the present invention, as defined by Claims 41-50, 52, 53, 56, 58, and 59, is patentable over the prior art.

IA. THE PRESENT INVENTION, AS DEFINED BY CLAIMS 41-50, 52, 53, 56, 58, and 59, IS PATENTABLE OVER THE PRIOR ART:

Applicant respectfully submits that the present invention, as defined by Claims 41-50, 52, 53, 56, 58, and 59, is patentable over the prior art. Applicant respectfully submits that the present invention, as defined by independent Claim 41, is patentable over the prior art.

Applicant submits that the present invention, as defined by independent Claim 41, is patentable over Gebb, Fulcher, and any combination of same. Applicant submits that Gebb, Fulcher, and any combination of same, do not disclose or suggest many of the specifically recited features of independent Claim 41 and, therefore, Gebb, Fulcher, and any combination of same, do not disclose or suggest all of the features of independent Claim 41.

Applicant respectfully submits that Gebb, Fulcher, and any combination of same, do not disclose or suggest a computer-implemented method, comprising entering or receiving information regarding a ticket request or a ticket option request for at least one of a ticket for a portion of an event which remains after a start of the event and before a completion or a conclusion of the event and a ticket option

for a portion of an event which remains after a start of the event and before a completion or a conclusion of the event, wherein the ticket for a portion of the event is derived from a ticket for an entire event, wherein the ticket for the entire event is purchased from a ticket issuer by a first individual having a ticket account, and further wherein the ticket for a portion of the event is purchased by or used by a second individual during the event and before the completion or the conclusion of the event with a payment for use of the ticket for a portion of the event being made to the ticket account of the first individual, all of which features are specifically recited features of independent Claim 41.

Applicant submits that Gebb, Fulcher, and any combination of same, do not disclose or suggest a computer-implemented method, comprising entering or receiving the recited information regarding the recited ticket request or the recited ticket option request for at least one of the recited ticket for a portion of an event which remains after a start of the event and before a completion or a conclusion of the event and the recited ticket option for a portion of an event which remains after a start of the event and before a completion or a conclusion of the event, wherein the recited ticket for a portion of the event is derived from

the recited ticket for an entire event, wherein the recited ticket for the entire event is purchased from a ticket issuer by a first individual having the recited ticket account, and further wherein the recited ticket for a portion of the event is purchased by or used by a second individual during the event and before the completion or the conclusion of the event with a payment for use of the recited ticket for a portion of the event being made to the recited ticket account of the first individual.

In particular, Applicant submits that Gebb, Fulcher, and any combination of same, do not disclose or suggest the recited ticket for a portion of the event which is derived from the recited ticket for an entire event, wherein the recited ticket for the entire event is purchased from a ticket issuer by a first individual having the recited ticket account, and further wherein the recited ticket for a portion of the event is purchased by or used by a second individual during the event and before the completion or the conclusion of the event with a payment for use of the recited ticket for a portion of the event being made to the recited ticket account of the first individual.

Applicant further submits that Gebb, Fulcher, and any combination of same, do not disclose or suggest processing the information regarding a ticket request or a ticket option request with a processing device, generating at least one of a ticket availability message and a ticket option availability message with the processing device, and transmitting the at least one of a ticket availability message and a ticket option availability message to a communication device associated with or used by the second individual or a third individual, all of which features are still other specifically recited features of independent Claim 41.

Applicant submits that Gebb, Fulcher, and any combination of same, do not disclose or suggest processing the recited information regarding the recited ticket request or the recited ticket option request with the recited processing device, generating at least one of the recited ticket availability message and the recited ticket option availability message with the recited processing device, and transmitting the at least one of the recited ticket availability message and the recited ticket option availability message to the recited communication device associated with or used by the second individual or a third individual.

In view of the foregoing, Applicant respectfully submits that Gebb, Fulcher, and any combination of same, do not disclose or suggest many of the specifically recited features of independent Claim 41 and, therefore, Gebb, Fulcher, and any combination of same, do not disclose or suggest all of the features of independent Claim 41.

In view of the foregoing, Applicant respectfully submits that the present invention, as defined by independent Claim 41, is patentable over Gebb in view of Fulcher. In view of the foregoing, Applicant respectfully submits that the present invention, as defined by independent Claim 41, is patentable over the prior art. Allowance of independent Claim 41 is, therefore, respectfully requested.

Applicant further submits that Claims 42-50, 52, 53, 56, 58, and 59, which Claims depend either directly or indirectly from independent Claim 41, so as to include all of the limitations of independent Claim 41, are also patentable over the prior art as said Claims 42-50, 52, 53, 56, 58, and 59 depend from allowable subject matter.

In view of the foregoing, Applicant respectfully submits that dependent Claims 42-50, 52, 53, 56, 58, and 59

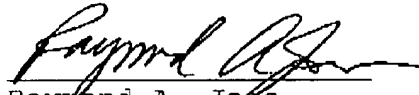
are patentable over Gebb in view of Fulcher. In view of the foregoing, Applicant respectfully submits that dependent Claims 42-50, 52, 53, 56, 58, and 59 are patentable over the prior art.

Allowance of Claims 41-50, 52, 53, 56, 58, and 59 is, therefore, respectfully requested.

II. CONCLUSION:

In view of the foregoing, the application is deemed to be in condition for allowance and action to that end is respectfully requested. Allowance of pending Claims 41-50, 52, 53, 56, 58, and 59 is, therefore, respectfully requested.

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